

PTA Council Gears for 1966-67 School Year



Their Goal — To Promote the Welfare of Children

Assuming the responsibility of leadership of the Torrance Parents and Teachers Association, numbering more than 22,000 members, are these new officers of the Torrance PTA Council. They are, in left picture, seated, Mmes. Ben Hatfield, first vice president, left; Robert Hagenbaugh, second vice president; standing, from left, Mmes. Stewart Angues, fourth vice president; Perry Baker, president, and Russell McElroy, fifth vice president. In the picture at

right, are seated, Mmes. H. S. Roger, left, seventh vice president; Fred Wilkins, sixth vice president; standing from left, Mmes. Herbert Hanes, corresponding secretary; James Orr, parliamentarian; J. McDonald, treasurer. Other council officers not present for the picture are Mmes. Kenneth Spooner, James Carlson, B. Lassere, Harley Gray, C. A. Fischer, and Jack Spurlock.

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Phenomenal Growth of PTA

Mirrors Progress of Torrance Community

Growth of the Torrance community is mirrored in the growth of its Parents and Teachers organization, now totaling a membership of 22,348. Torrance Council of PTA was organized Dec. 9, 1947 as part of the first district. By January 1948, there were 2,000 members representing four elementary schools, Perry, Fern, Walteria, Torrance and Torrance High school.

Today the Torrance Council is a member of the 33rd district, organized in 1954, and of the over 22,000 members, 940 teachers are enrolled in this organization.

A channel of communications for individual PTA units, Council meetings are held at Torrance Recreation Center the first Wednesday of each month with council officers, chairmen and unit presidents attending. Three open council meetings a year are held, October, February and May, which are attended by the entire PTA membership.

Mrs. W. W. Bowen served as first president of the

PTA Council. There have been 13 succeeding presidents with Mrs. Perry Baker leading the organization for the 1966-67 year.

The program of the PTA Council includes, health and welfare; scholarships; public welfare, home service, and other services aiding teachers and students.

Stressing health and welfare, the Torrance PTA provides hot lunches and milk for children; works with the school doctor and nurse with examinations and injections; has donated 155 cakes to Juvenile Hall and 17 to a hospital; collects items for baskets for the needy during the holidays; sends gifts to Boys Camps, sponsors Scout and Brownie troops.

One of the biggest projects of the PTA Council is its assistance to the Dental Health Assn. During the month of February, volunteers assist dentists and school nurses with a dental survey from first and sixth grades in public schools.

A Scholarship Fund was established in 1957 and two

\$200 scholarships were given to worthy students. This year the PTA Council awarded four \$500 scholarships, one to each high school. All PTA units contribute to this fund.

In the public welfare phase of its program the PTA conducts bike rodeos and licensing in cooperation with the Torrance Police Dept. During the past year \$6,000 children participated with 20 PTA units sponsoring. A Safety Poster contest is also held and PTA awards four trophies to winners. The PTA is also sponsoring the outlining of the safest routes to school for each Torrance child.

In the Home Service department, PTA volunteers maintain school libraries and have presented books to the North Torrance Library. The Parent Education Council has also sponsored a Parent Education Lecture Series with more than 300 parents registering for the series.

The PTA also sponsors high school and elementary graduation parties and sup-

ports the student council and chorus.

Units and council members attend monthly meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance with Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and members of the Board of Education. Each month a different school stages the program.

Many units have a Teachers Aid Group, working on posters, classroom displays, and other services assisting the school staff wherever needed.

Council will hold its third annual Holiday Workshop at Torrance Recreation Center in November with all PTA units participating.

Each year Parliamentary Procedure and Parent-Teacher Information courses are held by Council and certificates are awarded PTA members on completion of the course.

A new step in the phenomenal growth of the PTA during the past 19 years will be registered again in October, when Council and all PTA units stage their annual Membership Drive slated for Oct 3 through 7.

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Engagement

Waggoner - George

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Fredrickson of Orange announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Jean Waggoner, to Richard Daniel George, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. George, 1724 Iris Ave., Torrance.

The news was first revealed at a buffet dinner given by the bride-elect's parents and attended by 50 relatives and friends.

The future bride and her fiancé are both seniors at California State College at Long Beach.

Miss Waggoner is majoring in home economics and is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. Mr. George, affiliated with Pi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, is a business administration major.

The engaged couple are both 1963 graduates of Torrance High School where they were active in campus affairs. Miss Waggoner is a majority member of Bethel 50, Job's Daughters.

No date has been set for the wedding.



CAROL WAGGONER
(Gibson-Nail Photo)



EARLY CALIFORNIA ROMANCE

The early California architecture of the Palos Verdes Country Club will be enhanced with Spanish decor for the annual Punch-Brunch to be given by the South Bay Alpha Gamma Alumnae on Sept. 24. Getting in the mood for this major alumnae money raising event are two alums, Mrs. Otto Willett, left, program chairman, pinning a bright flower on the sombrero worn by Mrs. Richard Kincaid. Tickets are now available for the Punch-Brunch.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Pre-Nuptial Parties

Honor Future Bride

Miss Gay Shamlin, whose marriage to Robert Lee Cook, will be an event of Aug. 27 at the Nativity Catholic Church, was complimented at a miscellaneous shower given on Sunday, July 17, by the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. Emma Burroughs and his sister, Mrs. Richard Molony at the Elles Cook home, 1625 Fern Ave.

Pink and white were the party colors, carried out with a pink umbrella to which silver wedding rings were tied with pink ribbons. Silver candlesticks holding pink candles flanked a centerpiece of pink, white and lavender asters. The pink and white shower cake was also on the table as well as silver trays of white and pink mints.

Arriving with gifts for the future bride were Mmes

Rudy Hanke, Paul Harmon, Francis Ban, James Moon, Lorraine Sanchez, Anna Glynn, Mac Timm, Terrance Hillis, Elles Cook, N. P. Giaquinto, Charles Huffles, Abelina Garduno, Jack Dudley.

Also, Misses Coleen, Jill and Judy O'Hara.

Mmes Carol Wright, Roberta Dawson, Darlene Murrill and Miss Caroline Cox, members of the Central Services Dept. of the City of Torrance, where Miss Shamlin is employed, entertained at a miscellaneous shower for the bride-elect on Wednesday evening, July 20.

A bridal doll cake, made by Mrs. Murrill, centered the table which also held white bells and a crystal punch bowl.

The guest list for the party included employees from all City department,

Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae

Benefit Punch-Brunch

South Bay Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae have completed plans for their tenth annual benefit Punch-Brunch to be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club on Sept. 24 beginning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. John F. Duston, Jr., of Palos Verdes Estates, general chairman, announces that a Riviera Village Shop will present the new fall fashions to be viewed during the luncheon. Preceding the luncheon and fashion show, punch will be served to members and guests as they arrive.

In keeping with the old California atmosphere of the Palos Verdes Country Club, Mrs. Thomas Mills of Portuguese Bend, decorations chairman, has designed table centerpieces using living plants. The containers for the plants will be decorated with an intricate grillwork design in combination with bright Spanish colors. Mrs. Donald Clay, Manhattan

Beach, is in charge of reservations and states that tickets are now available.

Also assisting in preparations are Mmes. Otto Willett, Hollywood Riviera, programs; Frank Ogden, San Pedro, door prizes; Richard Wonder, Wilmington, and Robert Dankanyn, Manhattan Beach, fashions.

Mrs. Jack Bell, Palos Verdes Peninsula, is in charge of party favors and Mrs. David Key, San Pedro is handling the prizes.

Mrs. Daniel McDonald, Manhattan Beach, is chairman of the hostesses and Mrs. James F. Yurk of San Pedro is handling publicity.

Serving as the Alumnae's main fund-raising event, Punch-Brunch proceeds will go to the National Society of Crippled Children and towards a scholarship to be awarded to a physically handicapped graduate of a local high school.